

The Offertory collection last weekend
amounted to €945

*This collection is for the ordinary day-to-day
running of the Church at Gurrabraher.*

Bishops Commission Collection
last weekend amounted to €320

*Donations for Church Renovations gratefully
accepted at Parish Office –
or it can be lodged directly into:*

Ascension Church Building Fund A/c
at any AIB Bank

IE65 AIBK 934194 32642064

Or

To our Local Credit Union

Gurrabraher Credit Union Account

**Church of the Ascension Renovation Fund –
A/c No. 02255200.**



SUNDAY DUTY ROTA

27th March, 2022.

**A priest can be contacted urgently
this Sunday at**

Cathedral - 086 457 0292



We pray for those recently deceased...

Majella O'Leary, late Mount Nebo

Requiescat in Pace

FOURTH SUNDAY IN
LENT

Mass Intentions this Week

Sat 26th March, (5.30pm)

- i) Richard Lynch RIP (1st Anniv)
- ii) Mark Horgan RIP (25th Anniv)

Sun 27th, (9am)

- i) Special Intentions
- ii) Special Intentions

Sun 27th, (11.30am)

- i) John Bruton RIP (Anniv)
- ii) Dan & Nancy Harris RIP (Anniv) (Remb)

Mon 28th, (10am).

- i) Michael & Christina Hegarty RIP
- ii) Richard Lynch RIP (1st Anniv)
- iii) Finnbar Barry RIP

Tue 29th, (10am)

- i) Matt O'Dowd RIP
- ii) St. Maeve O'Sullivan RIP
- iii) Mary Gamble (Birthday)

Wed 30th, (10am)

- i) Mary Frances Murphy (93rd Birth Remb)
- ii) Michael & Maura O'Brien (Anniv/Birth Remb)
- iii) Laura & Koos Stiff Special Intentions

**Thur 31st, (10:30am) Confirmation Day for
Scoil Padre Pio students.**

Fri 1st April, (10am)

- i) Dominick Myers RIP (8th Anniv)
- ii) Special Intention
- iii) Sheila O'Sullivan (Recently deceased)

Sat 2nd April, (10am)

Pro Populo



Ascension Parish

Gurrabraher, Cork.

Sunday, March 27th, 2022.

4th Sunday of Lent, (C)

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Weekend Masses – Saturday 5.30pm (Vigil) & Sundays – 9am & 11.30am.

The World must Pray and Do Penance for Sin

The Fatima message is a call for men to give up sinful practices which grieve God and draw down His chastisements on the world - and to make reparation for them. Commenting on Our Lady's request for penance, Sr. Lucia wrote: *"The part of the last apparition which has remained most deeply imprinted on my heart is the prayer of our heavenly Mother begging us not to offend, any more, Almighty God, Who is already so much offended."*

Besides a call to penance Fatima is in a special way a call to pray the Rosary. So central is the Rosary to the Fatima message that Our Lady chose to identify herself as *"The Lady of the Rosary."* In each of the six apparitions she asked for the daily Rosary, and especially as an instrument of world peace. As she revealed in the third apparition: *"You must recite the Rosary every day in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war for only she can obtain this."*

In 1916, a year before the apparitions of Our Lady, the Angel of Peace appeared to the children and links Jesus and Mary inseparably in His salvation plan for the world. *"The Hearts of Jesus and Mary have designs of mercy for you,"* he said. *"Offer unceasingly to the Most High prayer and sacrifices."*

Shortly before Jacinta went to the hospital where she was to die, she said to Lucia: *"In a short time now I am going to heaven. You are will remain here to tell the world that God wishes to establish in the world devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary."*

Pray for Ukraine – Special Collection next weekend

At their Spring General Meeting, the Catholic Bishops of Ireland said, “Already millions of people have been forced to flee their homes as refugees. It is a source of inspiration that people all over Ireland are responding with customary generosity to support humanitarian efforts in this crisis. Many parish communities have already established links with charitable projects to support refugees and those remaining in Ukraine. Recognising these urgent needs, the bishops are asking that a special collection be taken up at all Masses in parishes around the country.

Pope Francis consecrates Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

On Friday 25th March 2022, on the Feast of the Annunciation, Pope Francis, along with all the Bishops of the world, consecrated Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This event finally fulfils the request made to the children of Fatima, in 1917, that Russia should be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. May this consecration of Russia break the spell of atheistic communism that has wreaked havoc on the world – and continues to pose huge dangers to peaceful coexistence among men.

Confirmation Ceremony on Thursday March 31st @ 10.30am

Bishop John Buckley, our Bishop emeritus, will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to 68 pupils from Scoil Padre Pio, on Thursday 31st March, @ 10.30am. These children need the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and we ask our parish community to pray for these children – and their parents that they will come to know what gifts God has given them because he loves them.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

1. **Wisdom:** This is the gift of the Holy Spirit that helps us to judge the things of the world in light of the highest call of humankind - namely the worship of God, our Creator.
2. **Understanding:** This gift differs from wisdom in that wisdom is the desire to contemplate the things of God, while understanding allows us to penetrate to the very core of the truths revealed by God.
3. **Counsel:** Through this gift of the Holy Spirit, we are able to judge how best to act almost by intuition. Because of the gift of counsel, Christians need not fear to stand up for the truths of the Faith, because the Holy Spirit will guide us in defending those truths.
4. **Fortitude:** It is the gift that allows us to overcome fear and to remain steady in our will in the face of all obstacles, physical and spiritual.
5. **Knowledge:** Through this gift of knowledge, we can ascertain God’s purpose in our lives and His reason for placing us in our particular circumstances.
6. **Piety:** Piety is the gift that gives us an instinctive affection for God that makes us desire to render worship to Him.
7. **Fear of the Lord:** This gift of the Holy Spirit gives us the desire not to offend God, as well as the certainty that God will supply us the grace that we need in order to keep from offending Him.

Calling Young People to a deeper knowledge of their Faith

We invite young people who wish to have a more adult understanding of the faith to contact the priests of the parish. They will be directed to where they can, along with people of their own age, delve into the mystery - and encounter Jesus, the Risen Lord. Only some kind of encounter with Jesus will sustain us in the years ahead as Ireland turns its back on Christ and believes more and more that it is sufficient on its own.

Tir gan Cultúir – Tir gan t-anam – “A country without a culture is a Country without a Soul”

Building Fund Collection this weekend

The March end-of-month building fund collection will take place at all Masses this weekend. Shortly Financial Statements for the Year 2021 will be published. It will show again the magnificent contribution of parishioners over that time – and the work that was accomplished in 2021. We ask for your continued support for the Renovation Project.

Regarding Infant Baptism

A minimum of One Month’s notice is required for ‘infant baptism’. A pre-baptism instruction is mandatory before parents can have their child baptized. Both parents will have to attend a Pre-Baptism instruction held at Gurrabraher Parish Office on the first Wednesday of each month.

Annual Mass for People with Parkinsons

Bishop Fintan Gavan will officiate at a very special Mass for People afflicted with Parkinsons, their families and friends in St. Patricks Church, Rochestown, on **27th of April at 7.00 pm**. The ceremony will include administering the Sacrament of the Sick.

Sponsored Walk in aid of Ascension Church Refurbishment

A sponsored walk has been organised in aid of the Ascension Church Building Fund. The sponsored walk will leave Ascension Church at 11am on Easter Monday 18th April and will follow a specific route ending in Blarney. Christy’s Restaurant will be open where you can purchase a ‘Cuppa’ and a Scone. There are buses regularly to bring you back into the city. Cards available in the parish office.

#LivingLent

Archbishop Eamon Martin is encouraging families to pray together and fast for peace this Lent. Archbishop Martin was speaking as he launched the #LivingLent social media initiative for Lent 2022. The #LivingLent initiative offers short daily suggestions on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. These include prayer and Scripture reading suggestions; opportunities for penance and fasting in our daily lives, such as to refrain from gossip; fast from negativity online; give up certain foods; availing of the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession; suggestions for charitable acts like donating to Trócaire and other charities; and donating your time by helping your own family, school, parish. Hashtag #LivingLent can be used and shared to help put themes of prayer, fasting and charity into practice during this Lenten season.

Heedless Disregard for Truth is Insane

Perhaps the most tragic situation we face in the West today is the widespread, heedless disregard for the truth about man’s existence and his relationship to God, which has resulted in an arrogant disregard for the reality of things both visible and invisible. The indifference displayed toward understanding reality as it is, in which we are inseparably immersed, and in which we are inescapably bound is patently insane. The poorest of all are those who rush headlong, ignorant of the truth by their own choosing, toward the loss of heaven. *The truth about reality begins and ends in God; the Alpha and Omega of Truth; the omnipotent, omniscient and immutable Being whose divine mind has preordained what is and what is to be. Reality is precisely and exactly what God says it is - nothing more and nothing less. (Pope Benedict XVI, 2011)*

Mass Live each day at 10.am @ www.gurrabraherparish.ie